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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of Penobscot
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2015 - 20

RE: Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing to consider an application filed by Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc. for a 10-year aquaculture lease on three tracts totaling 22.87 acres located in Northern Bay, Bagaduce River, Penobscot, Maine, for bottom and suspended culture of American/Eastern oysters. The hearing has been scheduled for

DATE: January 24 and 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Penobscot Community/Elementary School
ADDRESS: 66 North Penobscot Road, Penobscot, ME 04476

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the January 24 and 25, 2017 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on January 31 and February 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html under "Meetings."

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached/enclosed. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html; follow links for "pending lease applications." To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2017, the day before the public hearing.

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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